

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings replace the original sheets 2, 3, 4 and 7. These replacement sheets include changes to figures 1i, 2, 3, 5 and 8 of issued patent 5,893,919.

The changes to Figs. 1i, 2, 3, 5 and 8 of the drawings were made to correct typographical errors, to correct differences between the original drawings and the patent publication, to eliminate duplicate numbers being used for different elements, or to provide element numbers for elements described in the specification but missing element numbers in the drawings. No new subject matter has been added by the amendments to the drawings.

With respect to Fig. 1(i), the label "PRIOR ART" has been added to the figure, as it was labeled in the originally submitted drawings.

With respect to Fig. 2, a typographical error in the spelling of the word "privilege" has been corrected.

With respect to Fig. 3, "MEDIA LIBRARY" used duplicate number 106, and "NEAR LINE ARCHIVAL STORAGE CHANNEL" used duplicate number 100. These numbers have been changed to unused element numbers 109 and 130, respectively. Element number 64 has been added to "XBUS," as discussed with respect to Fig. 3 in the patent text at col. 9, line 46.

Also in Fig. 3, the "0" in the "CACHE MEMORY & CONTROL UNIT" has been changed to 58, as it was labeled in the originally submitted drawings. In addition, the connections from the "CACHE MEMORY & CONTROL UNIT" to the "XBUS" and the "CPU BUS" are drawn in as they were in the originally submitted drawings.

With respect to Fig. 5, element 54 and been changed to 46, as discussed in the patent text at col. 10, lines 24-25 and col. 10, line 48.

With respect to Fig. 8, "SDCU" used duplicate number 99, "USER INPUT" used duplicate number 102, and "DISK ALLOCATION TABLE" used duplicate number 104. These numbers have been changed to unused element numbers 99, 107 and 125, respectively.

Also in Fig. 8, element number 24 has been added to "DISK CONTROLLER," the same element number used for the "DISK CONTROLLER" shown in Fig. 2.

Finally, in Fig. 8 the commands "PARITY GEN DA 107A," "PARITY GEN A 107B," AND "LU MIRROR SEL 107C" have been added. This change to the drawing was submitted in the original application in an amendment mailed on July 23, 1998, and was allowed by that Examiner in a Notice of Allowability mailed on Sept. 28, 1998. The element numbers for these commands have been changed from "102_" to "107_" in accordance with the change of "USER INPUT" to element number "107."

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office action dated 6 February 2009, where the Examiner objected to the preliminary amendment filed on 12 April 2001 because underline marking was missing on a portion of claim 14 and objected to the preliminary amendment filed on 19 February 2002 because the amended drawings were not provided on replacement sheets. The Examiner also objected to the amendments to the claims for failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.173. The Examiner also objected to the oath/declaration for not specifically identifying the error. Finally, the Examiner objected to the information disclosure statements filed by Applicant as being too voluminous and the Examiner also stated that vast majority of the references are not material to patentability. Each of these items will be addressed in turn below.

A. Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courteous interview conducted with Applicant's representative on 31 July 2009. During the interview the status of the pending claims and the reissue application were discussed.

B. Status of Claims

In the claims section above, applicant presents a current listing of all pending claims. Claims 1-10 are the originally patented claims and have the status indicator "ORIGINAL" as discussed during the interview. Claims 11-13; 15-28; 30-49; and 56-165 were previously added by amendment and have the status indicator "NEW" as discussed during the interview. Claim 14 is amended to fully underline the claim language and claim 29 was previously amended by the supplemental preliminary amendment filed on 19 February 2002. Claims 14 and 29 have the status indicator "AMENDED" as discussed during the interview. Claims 50-55 have been canceled.

Applicant believes that pending claims 1-49 and 56-165 are now ready for substantive examination.